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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Organization of work of the session

Note by the Secretariat

1. The following suggestions proposed by the Secretariat concerning the organization of work of the first regular session of 1991 of the Economic and Social Council are based on the provisional agenda for the session (E/1991/30), and the allocation of items decided upon by the Council at its organizational session for 1991 (decision 1991/202 C).

2. The proposed schedule of work annexed to the present note was drawn up with due regard to the availability of documentation and conference facilities. A note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the session will be issued in document E/1991/L.14/Rev.1. Meetings will begin punctually at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In connection with the length of statements in the general discussion of items on the agenda, the Secretariat suggests continuing the procedure established two years ago, namely, that a time-limit of 15 minutes be set for statements under clustered items (items 5, 8 and 9) and 10 minutes for statements under other agenda items. It is further proposed that a 15-minute time-limit be set for statements under items 6 and 7, which have been grouped together for the purpose of discussion.

Statements in explanation of vote

3. It will be recalled that, by its decision 1989/174, the Council decided to discontinue, for a further period of two years, from 1990, summary records for its sessional committees (First (Economic) Committee, Second (Social) Committee and Third (Programme and Co-ordination Committee)). Delegations wishing to have their

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statements in explanation of vote reflected in the summary records of the Council should make such statements in plenary meetings, at the time the reports of the sessional committees are considered, without prejudice to any other statements that they may wish to make in the committee.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply

4. It is suggested that, bearing in mind the provisions of rule 46 of the Council's rules of procedure, the Council continue the practice followed over the past years concerning statements in exercise of the right of reply:
(a) delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item; (b) the number of interventions by any delegation at a given meeting should be limited to two per item; and (c) the first intervention should be limited to five minutes and the second intervention to three minutes.

Elections

5. With regard to the elections to be held (item 11), the regional groups are urged to hold their consultations well in advance and to submit their nominations to the Secretariat not later than Friday, 17 May 1991.

Annex

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF WORK FOR THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF 1991

Plenary

Week of 13-17 May

Monday, 13 May

a.m.	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Wednesday, 15 May

a.m.	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
		Oral report on emergency assistance to Somalia
		Oral report on emergency assistance for the economic and social rehabilitation of Liberia
		Enlargement of the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
		Dates of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

Thursday, 16 May

1 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 1

Friday, 17 May

a.m.	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
		Introduction of draft proposals
	Item 2 a/	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
		Introduction and general discussion of the item
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 2

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a/ In accordance with established practice, during the consideration in plenary of item 2 (Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination), no meetings of the Second (Social) Committee will be scheduled.

Week of 20-24 May

Thursday, 23 May

a.m. Item 1 Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Action on draft proposals

Item 2 a/ Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Conclusion of general discussion

Item 4 United Nations University

General discussion

Friday, 24 May

a.m. Item 3 Non-governmental organizations

Consideration of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and action on the recommendations contained therein

Item 5 Statistical and cartographic questions

(a) Statistics

(b) Cartography

General discussion

1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 2

6 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 4 and 5

Week of 27-31 May

Tuesday, 28 May

a.m. Item 2 Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Introduction of draft proposals

	Item 4	United Nations University
		Introduction of draft proposals
	Item 5	Statistical and cartographic questions
	(a)	Statistics
	(b)	Cartography
		Introduction of draft proposals

Wednesday, 29 May

a.m.	Item 2 a/	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
		Action on draft proposals
	Item 4	United Nations University
		Action on draft proposals
	Item 5	Statistical and cartographic questions
	(a)	Statistics
	(b)	Cartography
		Action on draft proposals

Thursday, 30 May

a.m.	Item 11 b/	Elections and nominations
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		Consideration and action on reports of the Second (Social) Committee, as available
p.m.		Consideration and action on reports of the Second (Social) Committee, as available

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b/ With regard to the elections, the regional groups are urged to hold their consultations well in advance and to submit their nominations to the Secretariat not later than 17 May 1991.

Friday, 31 May

a.m.		Consideration and action on reports of the Second (Social) Committee, as available
p.m.	Item 12	Consideration of the provisional agenda for the second regular session of 1991
		Adjournment of the first regular session c/

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c/ In decision 1991/208, the Council decided to resume its first regular session from 17 to 21 June 1991 to consider the item entitled "Narcotic Drugs".

Second (Social) Committee

Week of 13-17 May

Monday, 13 May

p.m.		Election of Vice-Chairmen
	Item 6 and Item 7	World social situation Social Development General discussion

Tuesday, 14 May

a.m. and p.m.	Item 6 and Item 7	World social situation Social development General discussion (continued)
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on items 6 and 7

Wednesday, 15 May

a.m. and p.m.	Item 6 and Item 7	World social situation Social development General discussion (conclusion)
	Item 7	Social development Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 6 and 7

Thursday, 16 May

a.m. and p.m.	Item 9	Advancement of women General discussion
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 9

Friday, 17 May

p.m.	Item 9	Advancement of women
		General discussion (conclusion)
		Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-fifth session
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 9

Week of 20-24 May

Monday, 20 May

a.m. and p.m.	Item 8	Human rights questions
		General discussion
	Item 6	World social situation
		Action on draft proposals
	Item 7	Social development
		Action on draft proposals
	Item 9	Advancement of women
		Action on draft proposals
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 8

Tuesday, 21 May

a.m. and p.m.	Item 8	Human rights questions
		General discussion (continued)

Wednesday, 22 May

a.m. and p.m.	Item 8	Human rights questions
		General discussion (continued)
1 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 8

Thursday, 23 May

p.m. Item 6 Human rights questions

General discussion (conclusion)

Friday, 24 May

a.m. and Item 8 Human rights questions

p.m. Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-seventh session

Action on draft proposals

Suspension of the work of the Second (Social) Committee c/